

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

SWEARING IN

July 15, 2011

11:00 a.m. Bingo Hall

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Larry Deragon, Present

Ray DePerry, Absent

Jim Pete, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Mark Montano, Director Tribal Operations, David Ujke, Tribal Attorney and community members.

OPENING CEREMOY

Opening ceremony and Invocation performed by Rob Goslin.

WELCOME

Welcome by Tribal Chairperson Rose Soulier to the community members, elders and veterans. It is good to see the turnout. Miigwetch to the outgoing members and welcome to the new members. Dennis Soulier, Treasurer, Ray DePerry at large member, Jim Pete was re-elected. Dennis stated as of noon the employees had the rest of the day off in honor of today and if they had to work they would get hours off.

Chair introduced Honorable Chief Judge Don Gurnoe.

OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of office given to: Rose Soulier, Chairman

Jim Pete, Treasurer

Bryan Bainbridge, At Large

Joanne Peterson, At Large

Mike Gurnoe, At Large

Due to a vacancy by Jim Pete being elected as Treasurer it created a vacancy and the next person in line is Robert Bear who has to be appointed to the Council. Marvin Defoe moved to appoint Robert Bear to the Council. Seconded by Jim Pete. Motion carried.

Oath of Office was administered to Robert Bear.

COMMENTS

Tribal Chairperson Rose Soulier: Thank everyone for their support, she appreciates it and hopes to live up to the expectations. Accomplishments this year were: there will be a soft opening of the new casino on August 11th followed by a Grand Opening on September 16th. It has a motel, conference room that can be utilized for meetings, community events etc. Highway 13 corridor was completed and has a bike trail and sidewalk with new signs on both ends of the Reservation. Improvements have been made to the campground with electricity and plumbing. We had one of the best audits this year with only one finding thanks to our dedicated accounting staff that does a wonderful job as a team. Funding is being pursued for a new health center, education including a new facility for a community center with a second phase for a K – 3rd immersion school. A retreat will be held on July 26th and 27th for the Council to discuss other projects for the community. Listening sessions are still being held for the community. We need your input and other ways to reach out for the future of the Tribe. Thank all the employees and all community members, volunteers, staff. Thanked Shakopee so much for the funds on behalf of our community. Council needs support and input and to be held accountable. Thank you to the casino staff for the meal and to Jeanne Gordon.

Mike Gurnoe: Ditto what Rose said. Welcome the new members and thank you to the outgoing members. And to those who voted this year Miigwetch.

Jim Pete: Honored and humbled being elected to the position of Treasurer and thank you to Larry, Dennis and Ray for all your work. For a number of years looked at things in a good way to serve in the capacity as an elected official, need Tribal involvement from the community. A decision was made at the June 17th meeting and I decided to withdraw from running for Treasurer. Strength to continue with the new casino, Council and Administration vs. Tribal business, not being informed of decisions and people asking me, learning from Tribal members, rumors, people shared with me, condemning of Church property, as store, expand marina over to old dock, things heard, make sure could respond. Not in support of condemning church property, it was given to the Church by Buffalo over 100 years ago to serve the community. Goes against respecting the land. As the Treasurer I would like to reinstitute the Finance Committee. I would like to see business's turned over to the Business Board, these people could benefit us. I would like burial insurance for everyone; people don't have money and end up doing fund raisers to assist families. I would like to continue the elder/youth services. This past year worked in the Bayfield School and learned from the youth, enjoyed it. I will share financial information with community, need feedback from community and members. The Council to work with others on decisions for total continuity, it's a win/win situation for the community. Personnel policies and procedures make sure they are current and our Tribal members get hired. Indian preference is important; people went before us to have these rights. Listening session's people need to attend. Treat elders and others with kindness and respect.

Joanne Peterson: Have no speech prepared. Thank everyone who voted and the need for community involvement in government. Thanks.

Bryan Bainbridge: Out of respect for elders no speech, when put my name in people said are you crazy, but I am here to serve the community. Miigwetch.

Robert Bear: Didn't run, worked with election, next year don't know. Have plans and thinking what I could do, have past experiences similar to many of you. One thing like to implement is training sessions on team work, this is not a bad reflection on Council or community, it takes a lot to be a team, when to say something and when not to, show support, improve. Was told don't give a speech.

Jim Pete moved to adjourn. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried. Adjourned: 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy Hanson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council